

18. (New) A door according to claim 17, characterized in that said mobile panel (223) is mounted on at least one support and/or guide element (225, 226) fixed to said fixed assembly (222).

19. (New) A door according to any one of claims 16 to 18, characterized in that said upper part (22) of the door comprises a frame (221) or at least one approximately vertical upright on its inner face.

20. (New) A door according to claims 18 and 19, characterized in that at least one of the ends of at least one of said support and/or guide elements (225, 226) is fixed to said frame (221) or said approximately vertical uprights of said closing means.

21. (New) A door according to any one of claims 16 to 20, characterized in that said step (31) in which a lower part (21) of the door is made advantageously includes the assembly of an outer bodywork panel (212) and an inner trim (213) on a structural element (211).

22. (New) A door according to any one of claims 16 to 21, characterized in that said attachment step (33) can involve at least one of the operations belonging to the group including gluing, welding, brazing or riveting.

23. (New) A door according to any one of claims 16 to 22, characterized in that said mobile panel (223) is mounted on two support and/or guide elements (225, 226) so as to slide in a plane approximately parallel to the plane formed by said fixed assembly.

24. (New) A door according to any one of claims 16 to 23, characterized in that said mobile panel is mounted to fit in the plane formed by said fixed assembly (222) in the closed position.

25. (New) A door according to claim 24, characterized in that the mechanism of the mobile panel (223) can be broken down into two independent displacements:

- a locking/unlocking displacement perpendicular to the plane formed by said fixed assembly, and enabling passage from said plane formed by said fixed assembly to a sliding plane approximately parallel to the plane formed by said fixed assembly; and,
- displacement by sliding in said sliding plane.

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26. (New) A door according to claim 24, characterized in that said mobile panel (223) has a continuous mechanism, such that the plane formed by said fixed assembly moves gradually into a sliding plane approximately parallel to said plane formed by said fixed assembly.

27. (New) A door according to either of claims 25 and 26, characterized in that said sliding plane is located inside the vehicle.

28. (New) A door according to claim 23, characterized in that said mobile panel is mounted to swing around an axis of rotation parallel to the plane formed by said fixed assembly.

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Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the care and time taken in reviewing and acting on the instant claims. Applicants have introduced new claims 16 through 28 as found above. These claims may find support in original claims 1 through 14 filed with the application.

In response to the Request for Restriction of Examination, applicants respectfully request Group II comprising Claim 15 drawn to a door classified in Class 49, with traverse. The basis for applicants traversal is that they do not wish to be bound by the logic of the Examiner in posing the Restriction Requirement. Applicants also note that the Examiner, in posing the Restriction Requirement, has asserted that the door can be made as one piece rather than by joining two parts together. We note that this assertion does not make sense. Initial method claims, 1 through 14 expressly recite the manufacture of a door from one upper part and one lower part. Further, original claim 15 recites a door made by this express method.

If the Examiner maintains the Restriction Requirement, applicants respectfully reserve the right to secure protection over original claims 1 through 14 in a later filed divisional application.